

Many have Bibles, who made little use of them ; there is an excellent opportunity of calling their attention to the sin they are thus committing, and to the fact that they are shutting themselves out from the Fountain of all Truth, the richest source of comfort.

"One woman," says a visitor, "showed us her Bible, which she had received from her minister, on leaving Ireland last year ; it seemed scarcely to have been opened, but she promised to begin to read it." "Another woman, in the same house, said she had a Testament ; she produced it, covered with dust, evidently little used." "L. S.," writes another lady, "has been anxious to subscribe from the first, but was prevented by her husband, an infidel. Left him a tract, 'On the Advantages of Distributing the Scriptures,' which he read with care. His wife is now at liberty to aid the good cause."

"One woman," say the collectors for another district, "has interested us very much. She has not attended any place of worship regularly. When we first visited her, she was residing with a family, who did not care about our calling. She removed, however, to another part of the house, and left word that she wished to see us. Her mind was much distressed, on account of her sins. She spoke freely of her past misconduct, and subscribed for a Bible, saying it would be a great comfort to her."

"We have great cause for encouragement," states the report from the same district ; "the subscribers who have received their Bibles, seem to value them much, and promise to make them their daily study."

*Much ignorance has been met with.*

"One woman," says a visitor, "shewed us a string of beads, saying, 'that is all the Bible I require to take me to Heaven.' Another, a mother of a family, on being asked if she had a Bible, said 'What is that ?' 'Did you never hear of the Word of God ?' 'No, I never heard of it !'" But even amongst those who are in a great measure shut out from the use of this Holy Book, some good has been done. "M. C., a Roman Catholic girl, in a Protestant family, very willingly agreed to subscribe for a Bible, contributed 4d. our first visit, and next time we called, said she wished to pay for it at once."

"The Roman Catholic girl to whom a Bible was lent last month, stated to us, at our last visit, that she read it at all her spare moments, and frequently to her sick mother, also a Roman Catholic."

*An opportunity is given for relieving the temporal wants of the poor persons visited.*

"We have found our visits," write two of our collectors, "to the houses of the poor very useful, during the past month (December). They stand much in need of assistance at this season of the year. Our frequent visits give us an excellent opportunity of judging who are objects really worthy of relief, and of interesting others in their behalf. We have in this way been able to assist a number of poor persons, in our district, who might never otherwise have been found out. Above all, we have opportunities afforded us of conversing with them on those sub-